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Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 10:52 AM
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Subject: Fwd: FEMA Region III Risk Analysis

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Subject: RE: FEMA Region III Risk Analysis

Ms. Wheaton,

Thank you for your inquiry. I certainly understand the concerns that you expressed regarding the potential development within the County. We will follow up with the local officials in the County to obtain a better understanding of the development plans and provide technical assistance as needed to ensure compliance with the local floodplain management ordinance and the minimum requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

I or one of my colleagues (copied here) will follow up with you to close the loop. I expect we won't be able to follow up until about the end of next week as both FEMA and state staff are on travel all this week.

Thanks,

Katie

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From: Vicki Wheaton [<mailto:songbrook@icloud.com>]
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Subject: FEMA Region III Risk Analysis

Dear Katie,

Hello, my name is Vicki Wheaton & I live in Nelson County Virginia. I would like to ask your Department to do a Risk Analysis for the proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline on behalf of the Nelson County Public & aggrieved property owners.

I've attached the nelsoncounty.gov website's link to where ACP LLC's Applications for Floodplain Variances are posted. In it's 27 mile route thru Nelson the ACP crosses 11 mapped FEMA Floodplains, many of which are in SFHAs (A & AE). In addition to the ACP crossings many access roads are either adjacent to Floodplains, in them or cross a water body. In totality the ACP & it's access roads cross 50 waterbodies & 11 mapped Floodplains. I've included a map that I asked to be made by Friends of Nelson that shows all of the 11 FEMA mapped Floodplain crossings/designations & the location of the 50 waterbodies crossed by both the ACP & it's access roads. The blue dots on this map indicates the waterbody crossings.

You'll see in their application that they've provided No Rise Certificates for all 11 crossings but there are no references to Nelson's adopted Higher Standards prohibiting Critical Facilities & Hazardous Materials (as well as a few others) & many other serious considerations. Nelson's High Risk Flood Hazard Areas include 5 out of the 8 ACSE defined occurrences that increase risks during times of flooding: alluvial fan flooding, flash flooding, mudslides, high velocity flows & erosion. In addition the 27 mile route crosses steep slopes & we have historical debris flows that were once considered unfathomable as well as never thought possible rainfall...36" in 6 hours. During Camille boulders the size of cars were filmed going down creeks like they were pebbles. Yet despite all this evidence ACP LLC claims that the ACP will have absolutely no affect on Nelson County's Floodplains. Nor have they reported on the 11 crossing's cumulative affects. Nor the cumulative affects on Floodplains for the whole 600 miles. It's my understanding that their application to FERC is equally void of any noted consequences.

We would like to make an appointment for a group of concerned citizens to talk, in more depth, about our grave concerns for this project that is proposed in the most dangerous Floodplains in Virginia. By making our Floodplains safer we're eligible to participate in your Community Rating System but if Variances are forced upon us 11 times how would this ever be possible as this

would be the polar opposite of what your recommended Higher Standards mandates.

FYI in 1969 Nelson County suffered Hurricane Camille. The results were the loss of 124 lives, 133 Public bridges, 120 miles of roads, 25,000 acres of crops & much much more. We can still see the scars on our lands & they've also left scars on our hearts. It was the worst flooding disaster in Virginia's history.

Worse casing ACP LLC needs to obtain Floodplain Insurance for the ACP Project so that FEMA, the State of Virginia & Nelson County don't have to pay for the inevitable casualties to both life & property that will ensue if the ACP is allowed to be built in Nelson County. FEMA is very aware that the increasing severe weather trends, global warming etc are taking there toll on precious resources & expenditures & it's for these very reasons that FEMA recommends localities adopt Higher Standards & reward them with the CRS when they do. We did took the prudent action, now we're asking for your help to enforce this prudence.

Please share this inquiry with Mary Ann Tierney as I would like her input as well.

Thanks for your considerations & please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

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